

Day Program Questions

1. What is the ratio of consumers to staff?

1:3

2. Does the program have a behavioral component?

Yes.

3. Does the program have an education component?

Yes and No. We do offer trainings led by qualified or certified staff, however, these trainings are not solely education (reading, writing and arithmetic). More of the trainings offered at our facility focus more on adult matters and responsibilities, along with community integration type trainings. Examples include: Anger Management, Rest and Relaxation, Symptoms Management (for dual diagnosed Mental Health and VMRC clients), Coin and Currency Recognition and Counting, Letter and Small Word Recognition, Relationships and Sexual Health.

4. Staff qualifications, such as fluent in Spanish, ASL, PECS, etc?

Our staff are quite diverse. Languages spoken include Filipino dialects, Spanish, German. Staff are trained by the company for First Aid/CPR, as well as Pro-Act.

5. Is there medical staff on site?

No. However, all staff are First Aid and CPR certified.

6. Can the facility accommodate wheelchairs, diaper changing?

Wheelchairs, yes; Diaper Changing, no.

7. Does the program have an arts component, if so, which arts, music, dance, theater, crafts?

We are currently exploring an arts component and working on its implementation. This component will consist of painting, sculpting, illustrations, etc., as opposed to the performing arts aspect.

8. Does the program have a sports component, if so, which sports?

YES...SPORTS IS RECOGNIZED AS *VITAL* TO THE GROWTH OF RESPONSIBILITY AND TEAMWORK. ODS works very closely with our Special Olympics contacts to ensure that our athletes are constantly given the option to compete in sporting events throughout the year.

The ODS Blue Sox currently consists of two teams, the Navies and the Royals, and practices from May to August, with Invitational and Regional Competitions occurring in August and the Championships occurring in September (By the way...the Blue Sox (Navy) have made it to the Championships every year since their inception 4 years ago, and the Blue Sox (Royal) have made it to the championships in this, their first year of competition.

After Softball, ODS Athletes will switch gears and begin practicing for the inaugural season of Soccer competitions.

Bowling follows soccer, with the Stockton Strikers attending the Regional Bowling Tournament in Sacramento, CA in December.

The Stockton Swarm and the Stockton Stingers represent ODS in Basketball at regional and championships tournament in early spring. The Swarm brought home the first gold medals of any ODS Special Olympics Competitive Teams.

9. How often do consumers have community outings - daily, weekly, monthly, seldom, never?

Daily. Most of the training/programming accomplished at our program is completed in and around the community. We put a strong emphasis on both employment and overall independence in the community.

10. How often to consumer have overnight outings - monthly, quarterly, seldom, never?

Quarterly...mainly in association with Special Olympics.

11. How do program participants get to and from program?

MV Transportation services clients outside of our immediate area. All clients in the Stockton/Lodi area are transported to and from both program and work by ODS Staff.

12. Is public transportation used daily, weekly, monthly, seldom, never?

As knowledge of community transportation is recognized as vital to overall independence in the community, ODS insists that our staff ride the bus at least three (3) times per week, or as often as advocated for by the consumers in their groups.

13. Does the program offer supported employment?

A large thrust of our program is into supported employment, with groups working at places such as Big Lots, Applebee's, Red Lobster, Ross, John's Incredible Pizza Company, etc.

Job Coaches are always present with our employed consumer groups. Job Coaches act as a liaison with store supervisors and staff, perform quality assurance and assist in the actual assignments given to the group. Our job coaches are there to ensure sustained employment and success.

14. Does the program offer work groups (enclaves)?

Yes, about 25% of our employment sites are enclave type settings. Are enclaves are still paid at least minimum wage and not based on piece rate work.

15. Do the consumers do volunteer work through the program?

Yes. Currently ODS is involved in volunteer efforts at St. Mary's Interfaith Dining Hall, assisting in serving the homeless and needy, as well as park beautification through adopt-a-park at Victory Park, Stockton.

16. Does the program offer supported living training?

Yes and no. We have clients that receive SLS training through ODS at their place of residence, but our day program does not have a supported living training component during programming hours.

17. Does the program offer supported or independent living assistance?

See above.

18. Can a consumer attend less than 35-40 hours per week? (Part time)

Yes, although it is not something that we like to see happening regularly.

19. Does the program offer evening and/or weekend activities?

Weekend activities normally center around Special Olympics and happen 1 to 2 times every 4 to 6 months.

ODS does not currently offer evening programs.

20. Does program offer life skills training (money handling, traffic safety)?

Yes...all of our trainings can fall into this category.

21. Do consumers have computer access? If so, for games? internet access?

Yes. For training purposes mainly...but yes games and internet access are available on a prearranged basis (we are trying to discourage consumers from simply coming to the office and sitting around simply surfing the internet, etc.

22. Does program participate in Special Olympics?

Yes...very definitely.

23. Does program have own source of transportation?

Staff vehicles are utilized when necessary. ODS provides its own bus passes to instructors for our consumer's utilization of community transportation during bus riding/training.

24. What are the regular program hours?

9 AM-3 PM.

25. What other community resources/business are located around the program site?

Convenience stores, bus stops, lots of fast food and sit-down type restaurants.

26. What is the program's involvement in the self advocacy movement?

Growing. Staff attend meetings regularly and we are trying to gain a greater consumer involvement.

27. Does the agency employ people with developmental disabilities?

Yes.

28. Info about the umbrella organization - how many programs, etc, is the agency private, for profit, or non-profit with a volunteer Board of Directors, is the agency local or headquartered in another area.

We have CI and BMP in the Stockton/Lodi Area, based out of our facility at 4526 N. Pershing Ave. We also currently have a Modesto facility at 937 Coffee Road which has SLS, BMP and a large CI component.

29. What are the typical demographics of your program? (Age, sex and ethnicity of program participants).

We are very well mixed as program, with both genders and all ethnicities being well represented.

30. How does the program view and relate to personal relationships between participants?

We feel that it is the perfect opportunity to relate to these individuals what is socially acceptable behavior between couples, etc.

ODS utilizes the situation as a training opportunity.